

The HILL CITY LIGHT

February 2020

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M.C.	Doug Freyburger, P.M.	<u>Stated Meeting:</u> First Tuesday at 7:30 pm Dinner at 6:30 pm		
Tiler	Dennis Hill, P.M.	<u>Called Meetings:</u> Other Tuesdays at 7:00 pm Dinner at 6:30 pm		

Work Schedule	From the East
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February 2020		Greetings Brethren, Hill City masons enjoyed each other's fellowship and participated in the work of the Grand Lodge of Texas in January. Notably, Past Master Bob Wheelless was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for the Grand Lodge 2020 year. We're proud of his future service and leadership in Texas masonry, and we'll need to remember to address the lodge using "Worshipful Master, Right Worshipful Sir, Wardens, and Brethren" for next year. In February, the lodge with host its usual Sweethearts' Dinner around Valentine's day, and then spend the rest of the month rehearsing for a Master Mason degree in March. Running a lodge can often be an exercise in managing chaos, and so I learned that the Scottish Rite Theater will renovate the kitchen starting sometime in March through the end of April. While this will result in a much more excellent kitchen to use in the future, it also disrupts lodge activities during those several weeks because we won't have access to any of our kitchen things. We'll continue to hold Grand Lodge Service Awards in March, but the scholarship awards and Lamar medal scheduled for April
February 4	Stated Meeting	
February 11	Sweetheart's Dinner Family Night	
February 18	MM Degree Practice Food Committee	
February 25	MM Degree Practice	
March 2020		
March 3	Stated Meeting	
March 10	MM Degree	
March 17	Grand Lodge Awards Family Night	
March 24	FC Degree Practice	
March 31	FC Degree	
April 2020		
April 7	Stated Meeting	

From the East (continued)

are now in May. As a result, the lodge won't host a Community Builder award, as we'll be presenting the Golden Trowel in June.

In January, the lodge hosted a panel discussion about the drama of Hiram and the third degree in Masonry. The event was well attended and saw visitors from other lodges in the district. Much appreciation should go to Br. Don Jarrell for lining up well-educated Masons who shared a lot of light for those of us in the audience.

Continuing on that momentum, we'll hold an open house on Saturday, May 9th. We'll want to put together a program for this that educates those in the public interested in Masonry more about us. If you would like to help with these efforts, come to lodge for called meetings in March and April.

In April, members of Hill City are going to the Texas coast to participate in state-wide Texas Beach Cleanup in Port Aransas. This event is an excellent opportunity to promote Masonry while working for the betterment of our state's shared spaces. Email wm@hillcitylodge.org if you want to participate in this.

Hopefully, you can see there is a lot of important work that needs doing at Hill City Lodge, and we could use everyone's fellowship and participation. There's a lot to gain from Masonry when you put your efforts into it.

Thank you for your membership and patronage of what we do here.

Fraternally,
Aaron Evans
Worshipful Master, Hill City 456

From the West

Brethren,

With the holidays well behind us we are back in full swing at Hill City. I want to thank all the brothers for their support in all the things we are doing this year and I hope to see some more new faces at practice and meetings. January was a productive month, we had an FC turn-in, a Masonic Education forum, and an EA degree. I would like to give Brother Don Jarrell a shout out for putting together a fantastic Masonic Education event on January 21st. We hosted a panel of Master Masons from all over District 50 who are exceptionally knowledgeable in Masonic esoteric work. They were asked several prepared questions pertaining to the third degree of Masonry and open discussion followed. Brothers attending were also given the opportunity to ask their own questions, it was a great learning opportunity for everyone. I look forward to hosting similar events in the future.

We will be holding degree practices over the next few weeks for some upcoming degrees so come on down and take part if you can, it's a great way to become active again at the lodge and learn about Masonry. On February 11th we will have our annual Sweetheart Dinner. Brothers are encouraged to bring their wives and kids and enjoy a night of food and fellowship!

We should all take advantage of this month and every opportunity to let your wife or significant other know how much you love and appreciate her and her patience and understanding of your Masonic pursuits. This time of year I am reminded of a passage in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away." Love is one of the major tenants of our Fraternity so let's do all we can to take these words and apply them to our everyday life. By doing so we can help make good men better and show the world what Masons are all about.

Fraternally,
Luke Michels,
Senior Warden, Hill City 456

February 2020 Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. Sometime today, say
5. Crude group?
9. Deck out
14. Pool site, maybe
15. Perry Como's "___ Loves Mambo"
16. Choker
17. "Darn it all!"
18. Maple genus
19. Accommodate
20. Not mixed with any extra elements
23. Dish with seasoned rice
24. Frosh, next year
25. Computer storage unit, informally
28. "Q" in Hebrew
31. Vibrating effect
33. "Dig in!"
36. Caribbean, e.g.
38. Know-it-all
39. Cheering but not when seated
44. Crow's home
45. "Concentration" pronoun
46. In-flight info, for short
47. Phantom language in East London teacher ignored
50. Auspices
53. Biochemistry abbr.
54. Sundae topper, perhaps
56. "Cut it out!"
60. Examines the structure and function of the human brain
64. Train from Costa Rican plants synonymous with the drug-making business
66. Diamond, e.g.
67. "Miss ___ Regrets"
68. Corpulent
69. Arch type
70. Santa ___, Calif.
71. Spongy ground before us is counterfeit
72. Intelligence
73. ___ brat

Down

1. Egg cream ingredient
2. Certain Arab
3. In base 8
4. Where AMZN and MSFT trade
5. "How ___ Mehta Got Kissed, Got Wild, and Got a Life" (Kaavya Viswanathan novel in the news)
6. Agreement
7. Three side-swords
8. Vegetable, genus Daucus - an incentive
9. Curse
10. Harassed
11. Easy Rider is a noted example
12. Death on the Nile cause, perhaps
13. "Are we there ___?"
21. Amateur video subject, maybe
22. 30-day mo.
26. "Four Quartets" poet
27. Fixin' to
29. Telekinesis, e.g.
30. Biddy
32. "Welcome" site
33. Banana oil, e.g.
34. Saved on supper, perhaps
35. noisy performer
37. "Act your ___!"
40. "The Matrix" hero
41. Removes lice
42. "I ___ you one"
43. Really relax, with 'out'
48. "Catch-22" pilot
49. Former liberal, maybe
51. "Rocks"
52. She gives way to Nora
55. ___ orange
57. Gibson, e.g.
58. Earthquake
59. English exam finale, often
61. "___ of Eden"
62. Hands
63. Bad day for Caesar
64. Atlantic catch
65. ___-Wan Kenobi

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January 2020 Puzzle Solution

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District 50 Happenings !

Communications from District 50

Welcome brother Bob Wheelless PM, as the District 50 DDGM !

Volunteers needed! South Austin Hospital volunteers needed on Friday evenings from 6-8 pm. Dinner is provided. Our wonderful brethren at Onion Creek Lodge have been volunteering for a long time and are welcoming brethren from District 50 Lodges to join them. It's really easy and fun. Spouses and friends are welcomed too. And, it's a rotation schedule to fit your busy schedule. Give back a little and contact Dennis Ross PM for more information 512 657 7513 and shoot him an email at ross.den@gmail.com. Representation or 3 or more from each Lodge is the Goal!

Things to do:

York Rite Schedule of Events(Monthly):

1st Mondays of the month is Colorado Commandery Practice Night. York Rite Temple @ 6:30pm

2nd Mondays of the month is Colorado Commandery Stated Conclave. York Rite Temple @ 7:30pm

3rd Wednesdays is either Lonestar Chapter Stated Convocation or Austin Council Stated Assembly, the calendar would be best to know which is which month. York Rite Temple, supper @ 6:30pm, Stated at 7:30pm

4th Tuesday is Chapter/Council Practice Night. York Rite Temple @ 6:30pm

Austin Assembly No. 125 invites you to the Official Visit of the Supreme Worthy President (Mrs. Carl W.) Yvonne Wunsche on Saturday, February 22, 2020. We will meet at noon for the luncheon* in the Ben Hur Shrine Center located at 7811 Rockwood Lane, Austin, Texas. The cost of the meal is \$15.00 per person. Please make your reservations for the luncheon by contacting Mrs. Wayland Clark by phone or email. You may pay at the door or send your check to:

Mrs. Wayland Clark, Recorder
Austin Assembly No. 125
103 Sycamore Creek Drive
Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Checks should be made to Austin Assembly No. 125.

The deadline for making your reservation is Thursday, February 13.

District 50 Happenings (continued)

Upcoming Schedule

February 15. Saturday. Dr. Stephan Hoeller will be giving a lecture on the future of the western mystery tradition. The name of this special program is "Gnosis and the Future"

Scottish Rite Theater at 7:30 p.m. This event is free of charge and open to the public. Dr. Hoeller was a friend and associate of Manly P. Hall, and is one of the world's foremost authorities on esoteric philosophy. He is 88 years old, and this will likely be his last visit to Texas, so be certain not to miss it

February 15. Saturday- Corpus Christi Texas. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas Conference (Corpus Christi).

Companions, Most Illustrious Grand Master Don Paul Payton will be holding a Grand Council Conference in Corpus Christi. The conference is similar to a Grand Master's Conference and is a great opportunity to meet the officers of the Grand Council and hear M.:I.: Payton's message for Royal and Select Masters of Texas! Please contact R.:I.: Raul Scully at (512) 826-9490 if you are interested in carpooling to the event.

9:00am: Registration

10:00am: Conference will begin with lunch provided after the conference

February 17. Monday. Austin Lodge 12 Stated Meeting. 630 pm Scottish Rite.

February 17. Monday. Colorado Lodge 96 Stated Meeting. 630 pm at Webberville Texas

February 19. Wednesday. Austin Council No. 2 Stated Assembly. We will be receiving our District Deputy Grand Master on his official visit to our Council!

February 21. Friday afternoon. Dell Children's Hospital Texas Mason Endowment Celebration. The goal of Endowment has been reached and now it is time to celebrate the Square & Compass' on the Wall! Dell is receiving the Masons at 2:30pm at the Mueller Hospital for a ceremony to add the newest Endowment to their hospital and celebrate our Craft. For more information, contact Larry Miller at 512 940 3958.

Grand Lodge of Texas, 184th Grand Annual Communication.

This article is for those of you who have never attended the Grand Annual Communication in Waco. This was my first time to attend.

Certainly by now you have read numerous Facebook and email accounts about who was elected and what was approved and what was rejected.

Let me just add in case you missed it, our own brother Bob Wheelless is District 50 DDGM. What an excellent appointment.

The grand communication started on Thursday January 16th at 1 p.m. Thursday was devoted mostly to ceremony and recognition of various organizations and distinguished guests. Thursday ended about 5 p.m. . There was a Grand Masters banquet at the Scottish Rite Temple. If you wish to attend this you have to sign up and pay an extra fee. The schedule continued Friday morning starting at 9 a.m. again reports and on various entities such as the Library, Museum and Texas Masonic charity Foundation, Etc. Each of the various Grand Lodge committees give a report. Examples are committee on work and committee on membership. I found that there was a lot of interesting information. The meeting continued on Saturday morning starting at 8 a.m. the most important work this day was the election and installation of new officers.

But if you haven't been before, here are the things I want you to know. If you can attend Thursday, Friday and Saturday, I recommend you do this. If your schedule does not permit attending 3 days pick a day or two and attend what you can. If you're going know that you should register in advance online. If you do not do this you'll end up standing in a very long line.

There will be a very short line for those who have registered in advance. I would recommend that you stay at the Hampton Inn South at 2501 Marketplace Drive, Waco. If you do not wait too late to register they will have special rooms reserved for Masons and they have a wonderful free breakfast. You will be about a 15-minute drive away from the Grand Lodge building. Be aware that parking at Grand Lodge is limited and if you do not get there really early, you will probably end up parking about two to three blocks

away from the building. You may want to carpool with some brothers. The building itself it is very beautiful and you should take some time to visit the library and the museum. Seating is on two levels. The first day I sat on the lower level and had real difficulty hearing the speakers. The second day I sat on the second level and could hear the speakers perfectly. Other people also commented that hearing from the second level was much better. The room is nice and there's plenty of knee room. So late comers can get past you without your standing up. There is no dining room for lunch. However one of the lodges served a BBQ sandwich for \$5. However this may cause waiting in another line. There are restaurants in the nearby area. You might want to take a snack with you. At least half of the attendees wore a coat and tie.

Go. Register early on line. Sit on the second level. Enjoy yourself.

Fraternally,
Richard Garrett,
Junior Warden, Hill City 456

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Food Committee for March 3rd Stated Meeting			
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Stanley Chester Anderson	Clarence Joe Haney	Paul Melvin McCarty, Jr.	Kenneth Christian Nicolas
Donald D. Beach	John Ross Hepburn	B. Rex Melton	Michael Blake Olson
Roberto Salinas Cantu	Huie H. Lamb, Jr.	Chad Wright Miller	William Oscar Orum
Kenneth Wayne Evans	Robert Leon Ligon, Jr.	Richard Scott Miller	Lavan Riley Parker, Jr.
	Charles Edward Maddox		

<p>Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, February 18th at 6 pm.</p> <p>The business at the food committee meeting is to set the menu for the coming stated meeting. Then, on the afternoon of the stated meeting, your presence is earnestly solicited. Help cook if willing and able, or just sit in the kitchen and keep the Stewards company – it gives our future Masters the opportunity to get to know you.</p>
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